<u>Claims</u>

What is claimed is:

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1. An impact- resistant inflatable reusable two zoned packing pad for protecting articles during shipping from shock and damage, said packing pad comprising first and second outer film layers, said first and second film layers being secured together along an outer perimeter thereof to define an inner volume within said pad and, said first and said second film layers within said inner volume in a location selected to form at least two separate zones within said inner pad volume, said pad further comprising at least one

entry/exit portal tube passageway for each separate zone within

said pad, said pad further comprising said entry/exit portal tube

passageway for each separate zone configured and adapted to

permit repeated independent inflation and deflation of each said

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- 2. The system of claim 1, wherein each said zone is comprised of a plurality of inflatable chambers configured and adapted to redistribute an inflation gas contained therein from one or more chambers compressed by and external impact to at least one contiguous chamber which is not impacted.
- The system of claim 2, wherein said chambers maximize available pad surface area and are substantially conical in shape.

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4. An impact-resistant inflatable reusable four zoned packing pad for protecting articles during shipping from shock and damage, said packing pad comprising first and second outer film layers with a complete central film layer, said first and second film layers being secured to the central film layer along an outer perimeter thereof to

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define an inner volume within said pad and, said first and said second film layers within said inner volume in a location selected to form at least four separate zones within said inner pad volume, said pad further comprising at least one entry/exit portal tube passageway for each separate zone within said pad, said pad further comprising said entry/exit portal tube passageway for each separate zone configured and adapted to permit repeated independent inflation and deflation of each said zone.

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